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## **City of LaGrange and Callaway Foundation Partner to Create Capacity Building Program, Initiative to Provide Free Training to Local Nonprofit Organizations**

*LaGrange, Ga. August 14, 2020* – The City of LaGrange and Callaway Foundation are collaborating on a new capacity building program for local nonprofit organizations. The program is called Minding My Community – A Nonprofit Training Project.

The total cost of the training program is \$120,000, and cost is being paid equally by the City of LaGrange and Callaway Foundation. The program will be offered to local nonprofits in the community. The initial group of thirty participants has already been identified.



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“We are grateful for our nonprofits and the critical services they provide for our community,” said Callaway Foundation President Tripp Penn. “The City Council and the Foundation Board committed these resources so our nonprofits would have access to best practices, training, and consulting to strengthen their organizations for the years ahead.”

The goal is to help the participating nonprofits become more sustainable and adopt best practices in governance, management, outcome measurement, and development. This program was originally planned before Covid-19, but this opportunity is more important than ever as we all pivot due to the pandemic and the economic disruption.

“Our hope is to provide a much-needed way to improve the resiliency of our nonprofits and also provide a way to strengthen their financials,” said LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton. “The City and the Foundation initiated this program to strengthen and to support local nonprofits in our community.”



The Georgia Center for Nonprofits will help lead the training program that will include three phases: assessment, training and individual counseling. This training will be free of charge to all nonprofit organizations participating in the program.

The Georgia Center for Nonprofits has a long history of working with community initiatives to train and consult with nonprofits to improve

their services and meet the needs of their community. Their work stays abreast of changing demand in communities and evolving practice in governance, management, and fundraising.

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